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Decatur-Evan H. Johnson, 72, of Decatur, passed away, Tuesday, July 7, 2015 in his home with his family by his side.

Evan was born March 6, 1943 in Terre Haute, Indiana, the son of Guy H. and Martha C. (Medley) Johnson. He graduated from Hutsonville High School. He earned his degree in chemical engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. He then earned his law degree from the University of Illinois. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Evan was an attorney and partner with Erickson, Davis, Murphy, Johnson, and Walsh Ltd. with over forty-one years of service. He was a member of the Decatur Bar Association, Illinois College of Trial Lawyers, served as an elder at Woodland Chapel, and served on the board of the Country Club of Decatur. His passion in life was spending time with his family and practicing law. He enjoyed golfing, fishing at his pond, baking, cooking, riding Harley Davidson motorcycles, IU Hoosier basketball, and was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan. Evan married Dianne Corell in 1965.

Evan leaves behind his wife Dianne, children Kimberly McGhiey (Mark), Amy Dow (Dana), and Matthew Johnson (Anne), grandchildren Jena Dow, Morgan McGhiey, Evanne McGhiey, Ian McGhiey, Olivia Dow, Charlotte Johnson, and Cole Johnson, mother Martha, and brother Guy L. Johnson (Barb).

Evan was preceded in death by his father Guy H. Johnson.

Services to celebrate Evan's life will be 1 p.m. Saturday, July 11, 2015 at Moran & Goebel Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, July 10, 2015 at the funeral home. Burial will be in North Fork Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Make-A-Wish Illinois, 1 W Old State Capitol Plaza #721, Springfield, IL 62701 or to the general scholarship fund at Hutsonville High School, 500 W Clover St, Hutsonville, IL 62433.

The family of Evan H. Johnson is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home



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and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL. Send condolences, and share memories at www.moranandgoebel.com.



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JH

John Hefner posted:

To the Evan Johnson Family: Yesterday, I was saddened to learn of Evan's passing. I had a number of cases with him in the 1980s and 1990s. He was a skilled attorney and always one of the most thorough advocates who managed to keep his sense of humor in difficult matters. My view of his reputation is shared by my contemporaries who had the privilege of knowing him in and out of the courtroom. John Hefner, Mattoon, Illinois

July 17 at 3:24 AM

CS

Carol Medley Stepp posted:

To Diane & Family and Martha, Although far apart in miles, I think about you all often. I remember like it was yesterday of the time Evan was going to Rose Hulman. And, being a young girl, I have to admit I was a little in awe of both the Johnson brothers! Please remember that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Aunt Martha, Mom also wanted you to know that she is thinking of you and you are in her prayers also. Love, Carol Jean and Delores

July 10 at 3:06 PM

MM

Marsha Mccool posted:

Dianne and Family, we were so sorry to hear of Evan's passing. He was so well-respected in the Correll family and was so good to your parents. We will see you at the service tomorrow. God Bless. Lynn & Marsha McCool

July 10 at 9:29 AM

SH

Sue Hale posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Evan H. Johnson

July 10 at 9:17 AM



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WC

Will Clark posted:

I learned a great deal about life from Evan and many of my father's friends. As a teenager and a young adult, I had the privilege of spending a significant amount of time around Evan. Whether we were golfing or playing cards, he was always the first to ask me how I was doing and he genuinely meant it every time. Every day Spent with Evan and his friends was an opportunity for me to learn what and sometimes, what not to do. I thank you for these opportunities and ensure you that your spirit will carry on within many of us that you touched. Will Clark

July 10 at 5:05 AM

SH

Sharon Hall posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Evan running down the basketball court at HHS games and that great smile. Thinking of you – Sharon Goble Hall

July 10 at 4:54 AM

AB

Ann Gallaher Brackett posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Dianne and your family. Wish I could have been with you. HugsAnn, Lori and Michael.

July 9 at 2:29 PM

JR

J. Record posted:

Rich and I are so sad. We wish we could be with you on Friday but our thoughts and hearts will be there. We remember many good times and also Evan and Dianne's many kind acts. Our best wishes to Evan's wonderful family. Jackie Record

July 9 at 12:25 PM

JP

Julie Paxton posted:

Amy and family, I used to swim with you on SAC/DSC and I always enjoyed your parents. Your Dad's toothy grin wearing all white was always priceless. He and my mom (Dema Jane Martin) would exchange Hutsonville High stories at our meets, and now they can do that in heaven. He is certainly gone too soon. My sincerest sympathy and condolences to all of you. -Julie

July 9 at 5:39 AM



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KC

Kcorrell3 posted:

Dianne and family, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I know this is a difficult time for all of you. I'm so glad that you all have the memories of your recent trip to Florida as well as so many other wonderful memories to sustain you. May God's comfort be with you all. Love you. Rick and Karen (Correll) Miller

July 8 at 12:56 PM

LH

Lynn High posted:

Dianne and family, so sorry to hear of Evan's passing. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Lynn and Charlie

July 8 at 10:59 AM

TK

Timothy W. Kelly posted:

Great lawyer and friend. My heart is truly broken. Evan was a total and complete class act. He was liked and admired by every attorney I know. He was one of a kind and will be forever missed. Tim Kelly

July 8 at 10:14 AM

BF

Bruce Fisher posted:

Dianne, I just heard the news about my friend, Evan. My condolences go out to you and your three children. I recall working with Evan from '79 until the day I retired from Cincinnati Insurance Co. He was relentless in his efforts to represent his clients with the utmost professionalism. He was truly a good friend who always had our back. I recall many years ago traveling through Decatur and coming to your home. You both then took Barbara and me to dinner at your country club. I recall the bowling alley you had in your basement. I always described Evan's appearance as looking like Audie Murphy, the movie actor and WWII veteran. He will be missed by many at Cincinnati Insurance Co. and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Bruce Fisher

July 8 at 10:04 AM



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Dawn Dove posted:

Dianne, Kimberly, Mark, Amy, Dana, Matt, Anne, and mom Johnson:Our hearts go out to you and the grandchildren for the loss of Evan. We can only imagine how difficult this time has been for you and we are unsure how to begin healing your pain. I know you will always treasure all of the wonderful family memories that each of you shares – we are blessed to have known him.All of Our Love & Strength,Jeff, Dawn & Erin DoveAlso, if I may pass along my parents condolences they are very upset by this and truly wish they could be there for you and stand with Dana and Amy. Love you with all our heart! Dan and Rhonda Dow

July 8 at 6:46 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Evan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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